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PRODUCTION OF RUBBER
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production, consumption and export of rubber during the current year; and

(b) the extent to which the success has been achieved in regard to production, consumption and export of rubber as compared to previous two years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) : To increase the production of rubber the Government of India through Rubber Board has been implementing various schemes by providing financial and extension support to the growers directly.

For enhancing the consumption of indigenous rubber, Govt. of India has
(i) banned the import of Natural Rubber under the Advance Licence Scheme w.e.f 20.2.99 and
(ii) promoted the use of rubber/polymer modified bitumen for rubberisation of roads.

The export of rubber is already free under the EXIM Policy 1997-2002.Besides, the Rubber Board has been encouraging the export of natural rubber through various promotional measures.

(b): The production, consumption and export of Natural Rubber during the last two years are as under:

Year	Production (in lkh Tonnes)	Consumption (in lkh Tonnes)	Export (in Tonnes)
1998-99	6.05	5.92	1840
1999-2000	6.22	6.28	5989
2000-2001(E)	6.35	6.50	12000